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SOME DEFINITIONS

Extracted from the Glossary of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code
and from the OIE Guidelines for Disease Notification

<http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm>



Notification means the procedure by which:

- a) the Veterinary Authority informs the Headquarters,
- b) the Headquarters informs the Veterinary Authority,

of the occurrence of an outbreak of disease or infection, according to the provisions of Chapter 1.1. of the *Terrestrial Code*,

Notifiable disease

means a disease listed by the Veterinary Authority, and that, as soon as detected or suspected, should be brought to the attention of this Authority, in accordance with national regulations,

Occurrence codes

Codes indicating disease presence in domestic species and/or in wild species

- + *Positive occurrence of the disease expressed through clinical manifestations*
- +() *Positive occurrence of the disease, expressed through clinical manifestations, limited to one or more zones of the country*

Codes indicating the presence of the infection/infestation in domestic species and/or in wild species

- +? *Identification of the presence of infection/infestation using diagnostic tests*
- +?() *Infection/infestation limited to one or more zones of the country using diagnostic tests (NEW)*

Occurrence codes

Codes indicating disease or infection/infestation absence in domestic species and/or wild species

- *Disease not reported in this period. In this case, indicate the date of the previous occurrence of the disease (d/m/y) if known.*

Other codes in domestic and/or in wild species

- ? *Presence of the disease suspected but not confirmed*
- ? () *Suspicion in a zone (NEW)*
- ... *No information available*

For Disease never reported (in both domestic and wild Species):

0000 *Disease never reported*

It is not accepted to notify the disease as never reported if it was already reported in domestic species or in wild animals and vice versa. This occurrence code should be used for both categories of species

Case: means an individual animal infected by a pathogenic agent, with or without clinical signs

Outbreak: means the occurrence of one or more cases in an epidemiological unit

Epidemiological unit:

means a group of animals with a defined epidemiological relationship that share approximately the same likelihood of exposure to a pathogen.

This may be because they share a common environment (e.g. animals in a pen), or because of common management practices.

Usually, this is a herd or a flock. However, an epidemiological unit may also refer to groups such as animals belonging to residents of a village, or animals sharing a communal animal handling facility.

The epidemiological relationship may differ from disease to disease, or even strain to strain of the pathogen.

Emerging disease

means a new infection resulting from the evolution or change of an existing pathogenic agent, a known infection spreading to a new geographic area or population, or a previously unrecognized pathogenic agent or disease diagnosed for the first time and which has a significant impact on animal or public health.

Number of **susceptible** animals:

number of animals present in on-going active outbreaks at the beginning of the month, if any, plus the number of animals in new outbreaks occurring during the month. If the exact number is not known, please give an estimate; if this is not possible, enter "...". If more than one susceptible species is present, indicate the number of animals for each species.

Number of **cases**:

number of animals affected (infected animals, with or without clinical signs + animals that died from the disease, if any) in ongoing active outbreaks at the beginning of the month, if any, plus the number of animals affected in new outbreaks occurring during the month. If this number is not known, enter "...".

Number of **deaths**: number of animals that died from the disease during the month. If this number is not known, enter "...".

Number of animals **destroyed**: number of animals that were culled during the month and destroyed by incineration or burying. This number should not include the number of animals that died from the disease or were slaughtered.

Number of animals **slaughtered**: number of animals that were slaughtered during the month with no restrictions on the use of the slaughter products such for human consumption.

Number of animals **vaccinated around the outbreak(s)**: the total number of animals vaccinated in response to the outbreak(s) during the month, excluding vaccination undertaken as part of a routine vaccination programme. If more than one species has been vaccinated, indicate the number of animals vaccinated for each species.